

With his elegant and masterful renderings of men and women at seaside resorts and his skillful depiction of light, air, and atmosphere, Eugène Boudin inspired and prompted the style of painting we know today as impressionism. Much more than simply capturing and illustrating the beauty and serenity of nature, Boudin's paintings and drawings invite us to experience and feel the cool ocean breeze, rustling waves, and hazy skies that animate his work. His vibrant brush evokes the colorful images of life by the sea, revealing it in all of its beauty and splendor.

It has been more than 30 years since the last American exhibition of Boudin's work, and Altria Group, Inc., is honored to be the sponsor of *Eugène Boudin at the National Gallery of Art*. This exhibition, drawn exclusively from the Gallery's holdings, captures the spirit and spontaneity of Boudin's extensive body of work and is sure to surprise and delight.

We thank the National Gallery of Art for making this wonderful exhibition possible and for sharing it with us.

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